

REVELATION



Let's Talk

Last week, we went through lessons about the story of Babylon and the Tower of Babel. We also got a glimpse of how we as Christians are meant to live between the first and second coming of Jesus. How has your understanding of this passage changed or evolved?

This week, Pastor Jon tackled Jesus' final defeat of Satan and His holy judgment of our sin. What impact (emotionally, spiritually, or otherwise) do you feel that the study of Revelation has had for you so far?

Let's Study

- 1. Read Revelation 19:11-16.** Describe the rider on the white horse. How does it make you feel to read this triumphant passage?
 - In what ways has Jesus proven His faithfulness in Scripture? Can your group provide some examples?
 - Why is understanding the character and impeccable nature of Jesus so necessary for believers? (Hint: think about Old Testament requirements for priests and sacrifices).
- 2. Read Revelation 19:20, 20:3, 20:10.** What becomes of the beast, the false prophet, and the dragon in these verses?
 - How long is the serpent bound in chains? What will happen after that period of time? Why do you think that is?
 - What is the relevance of these outcomes for us as believers?
- 3. Read Revelation 20:11-15.** What happens in the Final Judgment? What does reigning with Christ mean for you?
- 4. Read 1 Peter 1:17.** What does it mean to *"live [our] lives as strangers here in reverent fear"*?
 - Describe what makes hope compatible with fear of the Lord.

Let's Apply

Reflect on the meaning of sovereignty of Christ. How does your life (your actions, behaviours, relationships, schedule, finances) bear witness to God's sovereignty?

Imagine the day when you will stand before God's throne to account for your life. What will He say about your life? How will you answer Him when He asks you about your relationship with Jesus? Take some time to consider this and share your thoughts with your group.

Let's Pray

Father God, thank you for all that You reveal to us in the Holy scriptures.

You have shown us that You, the Word, were there in the beginning and that You do not change. Your Word is true. It cleanses, proves, tests, and saves, and we recognize its sovereignty. Though we deserve every punishment and judgment for our sin, even death, You have made a way to You through Jesus.

Open our hearts to this truth. Help us to use this time of opportunity, of mercy, and of grace, to draw ever closer to You and to reconcile ourselves and others to You in faith.

Amen.

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